GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN LPG OUTLETS IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any market survey is conducted to increase the LPG outlets by oil companies in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; (

(c) whether more LPG connections are provided by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for BPL families on subsidy in the recent past ;

(d) if so, whether the Government have increased the outlets in Andhra Pradesh to commensurate the increased LPG connections particularly in rural areas ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) conduct feasibility study for various locations from time to time for setting up of new LPG distributorships and LPG distributorships are set up at the viable locations.

(c) to (e) : OMCs have released about 12.23 lakhs LPG connections in rural areas under the Deepam Scheme launched by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as on 1.4.2002. OMCs have planned to set up284 LPG distributorships in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh under various Marketing Plans of which 33 have already been commissioned. Further, it has been reported by OMCs that the LPG distributorship network in Andhra Pradesh is not the limiting factor for release of LPG connections to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.